

## BAPTISTS MEET.

Twenty-Sixth Annual Session of Mt Bethel Association—Election of Officers—An Interesting Session.

The initial session of the twenty-sixth annual convention of the Mount Bethel Baptist Association convened in the Second Baptist church on 3rd street northwest last Tuesday morning shortly after 11 o'clock, with about seventy-five delegates from Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia present. The sessions lasted three days.

Rev. W. B. Johnson, pastor of the Second Baptist church, called the convention to order and the opening hymn was rendered. Rev. George H. Harris, pastor of Jerusalem Baptist church of Georgetown, read the scripture lesson, fourth chapter of St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians. At the conclusion of the reading prayer was offered by Rev.



REV. GEORGE W. LEE, D. D.

McKenny of Baltimore. After the singing of another anthem, "I Will Trust in the Lord," Rev. George H. Harris of Jerusalem Baptist church of Georgetown preached the introductory sermon, taking his text from II Thessalonians, second chapter and fourteenth verse.

Rev. W. B. Johnson welcomed the delegates to the annual meeting with appropriate remarks, his address being responded to by Rev. Rev. George W. Lee, pastor of the Vermont Avenue Baptist church.

Reports were submitted by the moderator, Rev. H. H. Hickson of Virginia, advocating the erection of suitable buildings on the extensive tract owned by the association in the state named for the aged and indigent, and by the secretary, R. B. Page, for the past year.

The choice of officers for the ensuing year resulted in the re-election of the entire old board, as follows: Rev. W. H. Hickson, of Oomorn, Va., moderator; Rev. Jones Watkins of Baltimore, vice moderator; Rev. R. B. Page of Oak Grove, Va., secretary, and Rev. Bassett Bumray of Mathias Point, Va., treasurer.

The recent death of Rev. J. Hamilton of Steelton was referred to in a feeling address by Rev. N. A. Marriatt.

## Late Notes From Narragansett.

Mr. Turley who succeeded Mr. Walton as secretary to Fred Freeman, will not arrive in town as soon as he anticipated. His present duties will keep him busily engaged until the season actually ends and the hotels are closed.

The pastor of the Union Church was tended a reception Tuesday evening. Rev. Thomas receives no stated salary. On this night voluntary contributions for the purpose of raising funds for him are raised. Glad to say he re-

ceived quite a snug sum. To Miss Brown and Mr. Ferguson are due much credit for the success of this commendable affair.

## THE LAST GAME.

White Sulphur Club Wins—An Interesting Game.

White Sulphur Springs, West Va., Special—The Champion White Sulphur Baseball club has played their last game with Lewisburg club for the season. It was one of the hardest games ever played at White Sulphur. Gardner pitched in fine form allowing the White Sulphur boys only six hits. Up to the fourth, Lewisburg had the White Sulphur three to one. In the last five innings, the White Sulphur boys worked the bases for 11 runs, making the score 13 to 6. Lewisburg came in and made a hard finish, the first two men up hit safely, the third man a base on balls, then comes Gardner smashing one to the right center for four bases. The next three were easy outs which ended the game. White Sulphur 13, Lewisburg 12. Lewisburg asked for another chance before leaving the field, but Manager Foliver refused, he said that he had played all the games he promised to play and now stands undefeated, but he says "If I can get a bet for \$25.00 a side, I will play you or any other club."

How the clubs stands: White Sulphur, win 10 lost 0; Henton, win 8 lost 3; Lewisburg, win 7 lost 4; Covington, win 6 lost 8.

Rev. Clement Young will preach morning and evening at the A. M. E. church, Sunday August 31st. Seats are free.

## He is a Fraud.

There is a young colored man traveling through the state of Texas, W. H. Lewis by name, who claims to be a traveling agent for The Colored American. He is a fraud and has no authority from this paper to solicit subscribers and appoint agents. Many persons in the smaller towns have been victimized by him. A reward of \$10 will be given for his apprehension.

## A Good Colored Printer Wanted.

A good first class colored printer who understands how to make up and lock up forms, to set up advertisements and headlines can secure a good position and a permanent one of good salary by addressing "A," this office.

There need be little fear of the Negro having too many leaders—the real danger lies in an overplus of would-be leaders, whose characterless and traitorous methods cast discredit upon the sober and conscientious.

## THE PLEASURE IS OURS.

St. Paul, Minn.—I enclose herewith subscription for one year. It is a small matter compared with the good that I get out of your paper. Taking into consideration the enclosed and other matters I have sent you respecting the council, can you tell me if you ever saw more smoke as you go down the pike than we are making for the council? Kindly give us notice. Please send us a list of persons to whom we might send copies of the enclosed matter. Also please send me four portraits of Prof. Washington. See that they are evenly folded and wrapped in a horn so that they will not break, and send half a dozen copies of paper under separate cover. I wish to present them to white friends of mine. Let me congratulate you on your push. F. L. McG.

## THE GRAND FOUNTAIN.

# United Order of True Reformers

ORGANIZED January 1, 1881

Office 604, 606 and 608 N. 2nd St., - - Richmond, Va

An order devoted to the interests of its members, both in their home and business relations. We offer you an opportunity for a business investment, in enterprises owned and controlled by the Order and managed by colored men, who are members of the Order.

If you are sound in health and mind, of good moral character, not younger than three (3) years nor older than sixty (60) you are eligible to membership. There are two Fountains, the Subordinate and the Rosebud.

## SUBORDINATE FOUNTAINS.

To join the Subordinate Fountain you must be between 14 and 50 years of age. You pay \$4.60 to \$6.60 (according to age,) as joining fee. If you live in the country you pay 35 cents per month as dues; if in the city, 50 cents per month. You pay as taxes 80 cents per year.

As Sick Benefits you receive from \$6.00 to \$9.00 per month, in weekly payments.

As Death Benefit, your family receives \$75.00 if you die within a year. After one year the Death Benefit is \$125.00.

## ROSEBUD FOUNTAINS.

To join the Rosebud Fountain you must be between 8 and 14 year of age. You pay \$1.00, either cash or by installments. The monthly dues are either 15 or 25 cents, as Fountains may decide. The annual tax is 10 cents. You receive as Sick Benefit from \$1.50 to \$4.00 per month in weekly payments.

As Death Benefit, your family will be paid \$34.50 you die within a year. After one year the Death Benefit is \$37.

In the INSURANCE DEPARTMENT, there are Three Classes:—Class B, Class E, and Class M. All dues payable annually or quarterly.

In Class B, the age limit is 14 to 60 years. Fee, \$2.50 to \$4.25. Annual dues, \$1.75 to \$7.60. The Certificate is valued first year at from \$100 to \$33. After one year, its value is \$200 to \$65.

In Class E, the age limit is 14 to 55 years. Fee, \$5 to \$6.50. Annual dues, \$9.50 to \$11.40. The Certificate is valued first year at from \$250 to \$175. After one year its value is \$500 to \$300.

In Class M, the age limit is 14 to 50 years. Fee \$11 to \$13.50. Annual dues \$21 to \$25. The certificate is valued from date of issue at from \$1,000 to \$700.

You are entitled to a Life Membership in either of the Fountains or in Class B and E upon purchase of the required amount of Bank stock, which pays a dividend annually of 20 per cent.

The Grand Fountain United Order of True Reformers has paid up to July 29, 1900, a total of 3782 Death Benefits, with a grand total of \$521,264.75, over HALF MILLION DOLLARS.

THE BANK.—In our Savings Bank the Order has a sound and flourishing institution that is a credit not only to the Order but the race as well. It began business April 3, 1889. The capital stock is \$100,000. The business is the same as that of any other regularly constituted bank, and is surrounded by the same safeguards. The stock sells for \$5.00 a share to members, and pays 20 per cent. dividends. Both time and demand deposits are received and 4 per cent. interest is paid on time deposits. The following is a copy of the Cashier's report to Auditor of Public Accounts of Virginia at close of business Sept., 5, 1900 and shows its flourishing condition:—

## RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts .....	\$8,372 80
Other stock, bonds and mortgages .....	164,423 88
Due from National Banks ...	48,383 22
Banking House .....	14,000 00
Other real estates .....	99,588 00
Furniture and Fixtures .....	6,850 00
Current expenses and taxes paid .....	1 388 99
Specie, nickels and cents ...	12,399 80
Paper currency .....	35,820 00
Total .....	391,120 84

## LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in .....	88,125 00
Surplus fund .....	80,987 81
Undivided profits .....	6,828 80
Demand certificate of deposit .....	96,786 29
Time certificates of deposit .....	118,494 74
Total .....	391,120

The Reformer's Grocery and Feed Store is located at 501 North Sixth St., Richmond, Va., and members of the Order and the public generally are saved 20 per cent. on the cost of food products.

THE REFORMER is the newspaper published by the order from its own office in Richmond, Va. It stands for the voice of the people, representing cooperation and combination of the race and is the Beacon Light, the Headlight, the General Messenger and the General Agent of the Brotherhood. It is \$1.00 per year. A well-equipped job office bids for the work of the people, which is turned out in first class style and at low prices.

Six miles from Richmond, in Henrico County, Va., the Order has purchased 634 acres of land, and established thereon an "Old Folk's Home." With unexampled liberality and broad-minded generosity, the Order does not limit entrance to this home to its members alone, nor even to members families, but the doors are opened to the aged and decrepid of the whole race, regardless of their residence or connections. The Order makes itself the trustee for this glorious charity, and calls upon the whole people, black and white, North, East, South and West to assist by their contribution the carrying out of this praiseworthy idea. April 3rd of each year is set apart as a Grand Rally Day for the Home. Contributions can be forwarded to the cashier of the Reformer's Savings Bank, who will send receipt for same and account for it to The Grand Fountain.

Members of the Order and the public, when visiting Richmond, Va., are invited to stop at The Hotel Reformer, 900 North Sixth St. It is in a pleasant and desirable location. Service is of the best and rates are reasonable.

The Real Estate Department manages and controls all property interests of the Order. The Order now owns 13 buildings, 4 farms, 4 dwellings, 1 hotel with a fee simple value of \$122,500. In addition to these the Order leases buildings.

For any further information, address

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